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TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 2676

INFO AMEMBASSY HELSINKI

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AMEMBASSY OSLO

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: OVIP (ROCKEFELLER, MRS. NELSON)

SUBJ: MRS. ROCKEFELLER'S VISIT TO LENINGRAD

REF: LENINGRAD 1585

1. CONSULATE HAS DISCUSSED ALTERNATIVE METHOD OF PAYMENT WITH INTOURIST REPRESENTATIVES. LENINGRAD BRANCH OF INTOURIST STATES THAT ONLY ACCEPTABLE MEANS OF PAYMENT ARE AMERICAN EXPRESS TRAVELLERS CHECKS, CREDIT CARD OR CASH. THEY EXPLAINED THAT IT WAS NOT ACCEPTABLE FOR THE BILL FOR THE LENINGRAD PORTION OF THE TRIP TO BE PAID FOR IN MOSCOW AND WOULD NOT ACCEPT AN AMERICAN EXPRESS PAYMENT VOUCHER HERE.

2. THERE APPEAR TO BE TWO POSSIBLE ALTERNATIVES FOR PAYMENT:

A) THAT EMBASSY MOSCOW ARRANGE WITH INTOURIST MOSCOW TO DIRECT INTOURIST LENINGRAD TO ACCEPT AMERICAN EXPRESS VOUCHER PAYMENT;
B) THAT SOMEONE IN MRS. ROCKEFELLER'S PARTY (PERHAPS HER PERSONAL ASSISTANT) BE PREPARED TO MAKE PAYMENT BY EITHER AMERICAN EXPRESS TRAVELERS CHECKS OR CREDIT CARD. IN ORDER TO PROTECT OUR OWN RELATIONS WITH INTOURIST LENINGRAD, WE WOULD PREFER THE LATTER COURSE OF ACTION, I.E., PAYMENT BY AMERICAN EXPRESS CARD OR

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TRAVELERS CHECKS.

3. TOTAL INTOURIST ESTIMATED COST FOR MRS. ROCKEFELLER, HER PARTY OF
THREE
AND THE AIRPLANE CREW (4) COMES TO APPROXIMATELY \$1500.00.
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